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Subject: Chemical Right-to-Know Program – Withdrawal of HPV Program Sponsorship

Dear Ms. Horinko:

In its commitment letter to Ms. Carol Browner dated 30 November 1999, BASF Corporation (BC) agreed to sponsor: cyclohexane, oxidized, non-acidic by-products, distillation residues (68609-04-1), and cyclohexane, oxidized, non-acidic by-products, distillation lights (68609-05-2) under the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) High Production Volume (HPV) Challenge Program. These chemicals are manufacturing byproducts currently sold by BC for only their fuel value. As a result, these byproducts are neither subject to reporting under the Inventory Update Rule nor considered HPV chemicals. Thus, BC withdraws its voluntary sponsorship of these chemicals until warranted by broader commercial use.

Please be assured that BC supports the intent of the EPA HPV Challenge Program as evidenced by its past and ongoing sponsorship of approximately 80 chemicals in both the EPA and ICCA HPV programs.

If you have any questions, please contact me via the information listed below.

Sincerely,

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